

## THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD- THE BURJ DUBAI

Coming up on “Really Big Things” Nobody does big like Dubai. It’s home to the world’s tallest hotel, largest mall, largest man-made port and they’re about to add one more to the list: say hello to the Burj Dubai. It still has a little over one third **to go**. If you think you’ve seen the tallest building in the world think again because no TV show has ever been allowed inside until now.

**Comentario [i1]:** Left. To be finished.

PRESENTER: ‘So we’re stopping at 134?’

MANAGER: ‘Yeah! We have to climb up.’

PRESENTER: ‘It’s a good thing I’m not afraid of heights’

PRESENTER: Located in the United Arab Emirates, Dubai sits on the Persian Gulf and within the Arabian Desert. But because of their booming **revenues** from their free trade zones, the 240 thousand barrels of oil they produce a day and their **thriving** tourism Dubai has rapidly become a **hotspot** for billionaires, celebrities and contractors.

**Comentario [i2]:** large amounts of money received by a government as tax, or by a company

**Comentario [i3]:** Successful, growing well.

**Comentario [i4]:** A lively and popular place, such as a nightclub. An area of intense heat, radiation, or activity.

Look at that! It’s like one in every three cars is a bus filled with hardworking men coming home from a long day’s work. That’s because over 90 billion dollars’ worth of construction is being done right now in the city of Dubai. In fact temporary workers outnumber permanent residents eight to one.

Everywhere you look construction is popping out of the ground like wild flowers. And they’re building unique, one-of-a-kind buildings like I’ve never seen before. In fact, This is the place where all the most creative architects come to just pour their ideas and have fun. It’s like a playground for the smartest architects in the world. And besides these buildings being one of a kind, they’re also really, really big. That building behind me **supersedes** anything that’s going on right now. It’s called the Burj Dubai and it’s already twice as big as anything else in the city of Dubai and it’s not even done yet.

**Comentario [i5]:** To take the place of; replace, especially to displace as inferior or antiquated.

When that bad boy is done it’s gonna be over a half a mile tall. It’s basically like taking two Empire State buildings and **stacking** them on top of each other. In fact, it’s going to break any height record in all categories for any building structure. And until now only workers and constructors have set foot inside of the Burj Dubai. In this exclusive look “Really Big Things” is going to show you something most people will never see: the view from the top. From here, up there looks a lot further away. Extremely awesome! Let’s go check this thing out.

**Comentario [i6]:** To arrange in a stack; pile.

Let’s go check this thing out.

How’re you doing, sir?

GREG: How you

PRESENTER: Good you must be Greg, right?

GREG: yep!

PRESENTER: Are you the project manager of this place?

GREG: Oh yeah, yeah!

PRESENTER: So, right now, looking at it, how tall is it currently and how far along have we got and how much more do we have to go?

GREG: Well, we’re. We’re gonna be more than seven hundred meters, more than a hundred and sixty storeys. Today we’ve got four hundred and ninety meters. So, we’ve still got a long way to go.

PRESENTER: So, you look at that thing and he still has about a little over one third to go. That can hopefully give you an idea of how actually tall this thing is gonna to be when it’s finished.

Oh my God! I can direly say I have never been this high before in my life. Are you nervous coming up here?

GREG: Mm..., we come up this high every day! (unintelligible) Right, I mean

PRESENTER: Uhh! We’re stopping! It’s that normal?

GREG: Yeah, it's slowing down. We're gonna hop out.

PRESENTER: So we're stopping at one thirty four

GREG: Yeah! We're gonna climb up.

PRESENTER: We're gonna climb too? All right! Here we go!

GREG: Let's climb up to the top!

PRESENTER: So we're on scaffolding right now, right?

GREG: Yep!

PRESENTER: To reach the top floor we have to climb up wooden scaffolding that hangs from the side of the building, which is supported by these poles, this hydraulic lift and these large bolts that connect the hydraulic machine to the side of the building. But the concrete they're connected to is only a week old. Remember, we're suspended over a hundred and thirty storeys off the ground and literally hanging from the edge of the building.

You're afraid of heights, don't come here.

GREG: Don't look down now.

PRESENTER: Uhhh! This is it baby! A hundred and thirty-seven storeys in the air.

Besides workers I'm the only person to be on top of Burj Dubai this high to date. Look at that! Remarkable! The only thing more remarkable than the view is the amount of work going on here. The entire floor is covered with workers. This work's scheduled to be cemented at nightfall. And watching them work I couldn't help but wonder how they handle this heat and how they could build such a big building with such small tools.

When the Burj Dubai is complete it will have cost over 20 billion US dollars. That's because they're not just building 175-room Armani Hotel, 144 luxury residential suites, 800 apartments, 4 swimming-pools and ball room and the world's highest public observation deck. What I mean is they're not just building the world's largest tower, they're building an entire downtown. That includes the world's largest shopping mall, 30,000 homes, 19 residential towers and a 30-acre Dubai lake and of course a the centre of it all the stunning Burj Dubai

You know, I can't lie it feels really good to have even that much of a part in building the largest man-made structure on the planet. You know, for thousands of years because of something called the pyramids the Middle-East had the largest man-made structure and about a 7 hundred years ago somebody built a cathedral in England and since then, well, they've been coming up a little short, but not any more.

**Comentario [i7]:** Informal to move quickly (in, on, out of, etc.): *hop into bed*

**Comentario [i8]:** A scaffold: A temporary platform, either supported from below or suspended from above, on which workers sit or stand when performing tasks at heights above the ground.

**Comentario [i9]:** A long, relatively slender, generally rounded piece of wood or other material.



**Comentario [i10]:**

**Comentario [i11]:** A room or platform at a high point in a tall building with a broad view of the surrounding area. It is often an outdoor platform, but is sometimes indoors in a room with large windows to accommodate viewing.